86/ about them. Nowadays the hill areas are uninhabited. There are vegetable gardens, cocoanut
[241] groves, palm wine groves and distilling huts in
[274] the hills. They are owned by the kampong folk. They go there to get the fruit, etc. During certain seasons they may stay in temporary huts in the uplands for several days.

161 The population of Ambon Island is quoted to me in several ways, ranging from fifty to seventy thousand. During the war there were forty-six thousand (plus perhaps eighteen thousand Japanese coolies) Japanese quartered here! To the south, Leitimor peninsula is much smaller. Most of the
771 Leitimor kampongs are Christian. In fact, the
491 only Mohammedan kampong is Batumerah, practically
133 a suburb of Ambon. Then, going north, there is a road to the very narrow isthmus of Paso. From there a road goes west into Hitu along the shore to Laha airfield, and then it branches over the hills and runs to Hitu town on the north coast. A road from there goes to East Hitu running over the hills to Tulehu and then to Waai, and on to the old airfield Liang in the northeast corner. South from Ambon a road runs to the southwest tip of Leitimor. The roads are full of holes and are not kept in good repair. However, there is more of the original asphalt left than in Celebes. Roads are narrow, yet there are plenty of
[489] buses. Much of the land is low-lying, steamy jungle. Hitu is mainly Mohammedan, but there are Christian kampongs, especially along the south coast. And Waai is Christian. On Ambon in general the kampongs are almost all exclusively Christian or exclusively Mohammedan, although there are two which are mixed. A good many streams run into the sea.

144 There is much racial mixture; the main impression one gets is that the basic element is Papuan and Negroid. Many are very dark and